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Professor Sereno Watson,  
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Dear Sir:-

We have your favor of the 14th inst., and would say in reply, that the additions and corrections to the Manual, will be made as you suggested. It was only on the supposition that the matter proposed could be brought into the present space by a little re-arrangement, that we made the suggestion of condensation. There is no reason why the book should not be thoroughly accurate and comprehensive, and so it will be done.

We are in receipt this morning, of a communication from Mr. Barnes of Madison, informing us that he intended to begin upon the work of revision of the Field, Forrest and Garden Botany, at once. We send him, at his request, three copies of the present edition, and shall be glad to know of the progress of the work, from time to time. We trust there will be no question about our being ready to begin the composition at such time next year, as to have the new book out by the 1st of January, 1892. Additional plates of revisions and corrections will be made in Cambridge, and we will communicate with Messrs John Wilson & Son, requesting them to forward the work as rapidly as possible.

A new edition of the Manual goes n the press in the course of a week or two, so we should like to have this matter forwarded to us

as rapidly as possible. The plate correction which you send, will be attended to at once.

Yours truly,

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*for Editorial Committee.*

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